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## **REMARKS**

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 30, 2007. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-7, 10, 13-15, 17, 18, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 33 and 34 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7, 10, 13-15, 17, 18, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 33 and 34 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 1, 17 and 23 have been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments do not introduce new matter or raise new issues.

## Claim Objections

Claims 1, 17 and 23 are objected to because of the formalities. Claims 1, 17 and 23 have been amended to remove one of the "at" as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants believe the objections have been obviated and request withdrawal of the objections.

## Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted, and S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,

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